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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Stephen M. Johnson

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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1. The amendments to the written specification, filed on 11/24/2004, page 2, line 6; page 3, line 9; and page 3, line 23 have not been entered because they do not conform with the rules regarding amendments to the written specification (see 37 CFR 1.121 (b)).

Appropriate correction is required.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 4; in claim 9, line 4; and in claim 11, line 4; the phrase “a vehicle” should be claimed as (said vehicle) if the previously claimed vehicle is intended. In claim 5, line 5, what systems are or are not intended to be inclusive in the term “equivalent system” is indefinite. In claim 5, lines 7-8; and in claim 6, lines 5-6; the phrases “a passive position” and “an active position” should be claimed as (said passive position) and (said active position) if the previously claimed passive and active positions are intended. In claim 10, line 3, the phrase “the rotatable mount” lacks an antecedent. In claim 11, line 6, what is the term “GMP” intended to represent?

Claim 1, lines 4-6, claims “at least one protection means for protecting a vehicle comprising a reception structure for receiving the protection means”. It is not understood as to how the reception structure that comprises the protection means can receive itself.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1-3 and 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sprafke (880).

Sprafke (880) discloses a roof protection device comprising:

- a) a support; 18
- b) a reception structure; 17 or 16a
- c) a protection means; 16
- d) a vehicle roof; 1, 5
- e) an active position; and see figs. 6 or 7
- f) a passive position. col. 3, lines 35-46

5. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adlam et al. (162).

Adlam et al. (162) disclose a roof protection device comprising:

- a) a support; 32
- b) a reception structure; 34
- c) a protection means; 22
- d) a vehicle roof; see fig. 1
- e) an active position; see fig. 4
- f) a passive position; see fig. 5
- g) motor means for rotation; and 38
- h) an energy storage device. col. 6, lines 17-26

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877

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and whose e-mail address is ([Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov](mailto:Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov)). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.



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